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The situation of the Lebanese children

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹ and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,² and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,³ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁴ the Convention on the Rights of the Child,⁵ and other human rights instruments,

Recalling the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, adopted by the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990,⁶

Recalling also the Declaration and Plan of Action contained in the final document of the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children entitled "A world fit for children",⁷

Guided by relevant human rights instruments and international humanitarian law, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, which prohibit attacks against and the bombardment of civilian populations, and objects, and lay down obligations for general protection

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

³ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 2753.

⁶ A/45/625, annex.

⁷ Resolution S-27/2, annex.



against dangers arising from military operations against civilian objects, hospitals, relief materials and means of transportation.

Recalling the commitments of the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto,

Stressing that the right to life constitutes the most fundamental of all human rights,

Condemning Israeli military operations in Lebanon, which constitute gross and consistent human rights violations of the Lebanese people,

Deeply concerned about the impact of the latest Israeli invasion of Lebanon on the Lebanese children,

1. *Strongly condemns* the grave Israeli violations of human rights and breaches of international humanitarian law in Lebanon;

2. *Strongly condemns also* the attacks and unwarranted killing of Lebanese children by Israel during its last invasion of Lebanon, which resulted in the death of more than 1,100 civilians, one third of which were children;

3. *Stresses* the right of and the need for Lebanese children to live a normal life, free from death, military invasions and destruction;

4. *Expresses* deep concern about the negative consequences, including the mental and psychological health impact of the Israeli military actions on the well-being of Lebanese children;

5. *Condemns* the deliberate use by Israel of cluster bombs in Lebanon, most of which were fired in the 72 hours immediately preceding the cessation of hostilities, which left over 1 million unexploded cluster bomblets that threaten the lives of Lebanese children and all other civilians, and adversely affect the early recovery efforts;

6. *Calls upon* the international community urgently to provide the Government of Lebanon with financial assistance in support of the national early recovery and reconstruction process, including the rehabilitation of victims, the return of displaced persons and the restoration of the essential infrastructure.